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Teen facing nine weapons charges

CRIME A 17-year-old is facing a dozen charges including nine weapons-related offences after he was arrested by Halifax Regional Police for allegedly carrying a loaded handgun in the Jackson Road area of Dartmouth Wednesday night.

The suspect was to appear in Halifax youth court Thursday charged with the weapons-related offences and three counts of failing to comply with a court imposed order.

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Pittsburgh Penguins Hal Gill, left, leans on the shoulder of teammate Sidney Crosby during practice in Pittsburgh Thursday. The Penguins travel to Detroit to face the Red Wings in Game 7 of the NHL Stanley Cup Finals on Friday. More coverage, pg 15

Final showdown

Sid the Kid looks to capture first Stanley Cup of young career

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Past winners

• Cole Harbour's Joe DiPenta and Halifax's Wendell Young are the most recent Halifax-area NHLers to have captured back-to-back titles with the Stanley Cup. DiPenta, a de-

fenceman, won it in 2007 with the Anaheim Ducks, while Young, a goaltender, captured back-to-back titles with the Pens in 1991 and 1992.

the issue, but considering he lives in Cole Harbour, some might see his opinion as biased.

"Who else would I pick? Of course the Penguins are going to win," Dexter told Metro Halifax. "It'll be 4-2. And my bet is Crosby scores two."

HRM Mayor Peter Kelly is right there with Dexter — a 4-2 Penguins win — but he doesn't see Crosby scoring twice.

"I say goal and an assist," Kelly estimated.

The mayor added should Crosby bring the Cup to HRM this summer, it's party on.

"We'd have a chance to have a great community celebration," he said.

Nova Scotia ready for heightened flu alert: Officials

Flu Outbreak

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SICKNESS The World Health Organization has raised its pandemic flu alert Thursday to Level 6, the highest possible level.

But authorities in Nova Scotia said there is no need to change the way they deal with influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

Chief public health officer Robert Strang said they have already been treating swine flu as a pandemic and the cases in Nova Scotia have so far been similar to normal flu sickness.

So far it has been treated like the normal flu, but with close monitoring.

Strang said the government will know if the disease turns serious and are preparing emergency protocols for the region if that happens.

"We need to prepare Nova Scotia's health-care system for the possibility we will see more and more serious cases of the virus," he said. "We need to be prepared for the strain this could place on the health-care system."

There have been 79 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Nova Scotia, and many more untested cases. One person was recently hospitalized with the illness but is now recovering.

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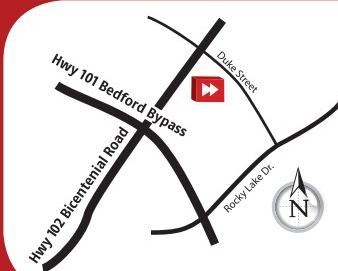
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Wilson's Fuels buys West Amherst Petro Canada station

Nova Scotia-based Wilson's Fuels has purchased the assets for the former West Amherst Petro Canada and will reopen it as an Esso gas station in mid-July. Company spokesman Ian Wilson confirmed the purchase Tuesday saying Wilson Fuels spent about \$460,000 for the station that closed last December. METRO HALIFAX

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Prices jump at the pumps

It looks like the price at the pump is going up again Friday. The regulated price for regular self-serve was expected to rise between two and three cents a litre at 12:01 a.m. Friday, bringing the price to about \$1.06 per litre. Prices have been over \$1 per litre in HRM for several weeks after falling below 80 cents per litre earlier this year.

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Delight, defeat at caucuses

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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, depending on which floor you were on.

The NDP and Progressive Conservatives held their first post-election caucus meetings at the same time Thursday afternoon. The parties share the same downtown office building and were separated by only two floors.

For the Tories it was a sombre event. Rodney MacDonald is widely expected to step down as leader after his party fell to third place in Rodney MacDonald Tuesday's election.

He didn't confirm he would step down Thursday but did hint at it by saying "it's very apparent that we need renewal in the party."

At the same time the NDP caucus office was filled with pure glee. Members of the new and much larger NDP caucus hugged, shook hands and cheered. The meeting room was filled with so many people it could barely contain them all.

Premier-designate Darrell Dexter started the meeting by thanking all of the NDP candidates who failed in their election bids. Dexter said he had spoken with all of them since Tuesday.

"They all said the same thing. They all said they're walking on cloud nine," Dexter said. "It didn't matter so much that they weren't successful, they



Premier-designate Darrell Dexter hugs a member of his caucus Thursday as the 31 MLAs from the NDP who won in Tuesday's election gathered for the first time in Halifax.

NDP to move to the middle?

The new provincial NDP government is likely to break from the left and rule from the centre, predicts one Cape Breton University professor.

Tom Urbaniak said indications of the party's edging from its historic side showed up during the campaign and were led by leader Darrell Dexter.

"I think his basic interests are centrist and he will try to govern from the centre," Urbaniak said.

were just proud to see the fact that you were successful and we have made history in this province."

Aside from winning 31 seats the NDP came second in 18 ridings. They came in third in only three of the

"He may be pulled in various directions, including pulled to the left by long-standing party activists — people who have worked in the trenches for decades and joined the NDP because they had certain very coherent and fixed ideas."

Urbaniak said these groups will likely expect more ambitious policy initiatives than those in the NDP platform, but he thinks Dexter will keep pulling initiatives toward

province's 52 ridings. Only one NDP incumbent lost: Joan Massey was defeated by Liberal Andrew Younger in Dartmouth East.

Massey was at the meeting and said beforehand she was thrilled for her

the centre.

Growing pains with the new NDP government should be expected, according to fellow CBU professor Jim Guy.

"I think they are going to trip on pebbles, they are going to fall down a little bit every once in a while, but they will very likely pick themselves up very quickly and run with the right course of action."

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party and was looking forward to moving on to her next career.

Dexter said MacDonald had been very gracious and the transition of power was so far moving along smoothly.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video Now that the WHO has declared a swine flu pandemic, what does that mean? at metronews.ca

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Blogs Hollywood Rants discovers a surprising name atop the Forbes highest paid actors list



New farmers' market features local produce

FOOD Halifax will have a new farmers market starting Friday with products made by locals for locals.

The outdoor market will run each Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be located at the Victoria General site of the QEII Health Sciences Centre.

"What hospitals and health care workers are seeing is rapidly escalating costs that are traced back to poor nutrition," said

"Nutritional value is affected in time between field and fork."

Don Black

Don Black, co-ordinator for Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia Cooperative.

Black said the market has a prime location since it's close to Dalhousie and

St. Mary's universities as well as patients and staff at the hospital.

It will offer locally produced goods from organic vegetables to seafood and a French bakery, Black said.

"Nutritional value is affected in time between field and fork."

The market is seasonal and closes in October, and will be re-opening next year, according to Black.

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Halifax Greek Fest 2009 kicks off Friday and despite a recession and even Game 7 of the NHL final, organizers expect another strong turnout.

"When people hear about Greek Fest they tend to say 'Hell, yeah!'" proclaimed event chairperson Konstantinos Kliromos.

Kliromos expects between 15,000 and 20,000 people will attend the three-day event if past numbers hold true.

He wouldn't give away too much of what the Taverna is but it's "sure to be a big hit, a little bit of a twist in Greek style."

The festival will primarily take place at 38 Purcell's Cove Road by Saint George's Greek Orthodox Church. There will be several big tents set up outside in case of rain over the weekend.

"A lot of people think this is just for Greeks," he said. "We do speak English, it is basically for everybody, for all of HRM. We want people to come see what it's like to be Greek for a day."

Greek Fest is the largest ethnic festival in Atlantic Canada that focuses on one culture or nation. Tickets for the event, which runs through Sunday, are \$5 for a weekend pass, with seniors and kids 12-and-under getting in for free.

Movie magic on offer at this year's alFresco filmFesto

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Planning to go?

Halifax's outdoor film festival alFresco filmFesto is back with an award-winning lineup of hit movies.

Every Friday evening from July 24 to August 28, the film festival will feature timeless movies, some of them Oscar winners.

The lineup starts July 24 with Mamma Mia. Planned for later this summer are Harold & Maude (July 31), Dead Poets Society (Aug. 7), The Breakfast Club (Aug. 14), Peter Pan (Aug. 21) and Pulp Fiction (Aug. 28).

The screenings will take place at Pavilion 20 on the Halifax Seaport. Gates open at 8 p.m. and showtime for movies is 9 p.m.

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The Insurance Bureau of Canada presented a cheque for \$15,000 to the Halifax Regional School Board yesterday during a ceremony at Dartmouth High School. The money is going to help finance Safe Grad events for Halifax Regional Municipality high school students throughout this month. **METRO HALIFAX**

'Nobody will forget Jennifer'

Parents of murdered woman face long wait before trial of her accused killers

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The parents of Jennifer Horne are relieved trial dates for her alleged killers were finally set Thursday, but no matter how much time passes before justice is served they know their daughter won't soon be forgotten.

Still, it will be a year before Desmond Maguire, 38, and Ashley Haley, 21, stand trial on first-degree murder, with the start date set for June 7, 2010.

"Nobody will forget Jennifer," Kevin Horne, the 20-year-old murder victim's father, told reporters Thursday outside of a downtown Halifax courtroom.

"We're hurt ... Jennifer was a sweet, innocent girl. She didn't deserve this."

The young Cole Harbour woman turned up dead on New Year's Eve 2007. Police discovered her naked body stuffed in the bedroom closet of an apartment on Dartmouth's Lawrence Street, where the common-law couple accused of killing



Kevin Horne puts his arm around an emotional Susanne Andrews, who clutches a photo of their smiling daughter, 20-year-old Jennifer Horne, shortly after the trial dates for her accused killers were set Thursday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

her lived.

Horne said Jennifer's loved ones just want to get the trial "over with," adding he hopes other

grieving families won't have to wade through the court system for so long.

"It's not easy," he said, as Susanne Andrews stood

by his side, clutching a photo of their daughter dressed in pink and smiling at the camera.

Inside the Nova Scotia

"Jennifer was a sweet, innocent girl. She didn't deserve this."

Kevin Horne

Supreme Court room, Jennifer's supporters listened patiently as Chief Justice Joseph Kennedy pushed lawyers to set aside four weeks for the trial by jury.

Crown attorney John Scott, Haley's defence lawyer Kevin Burke and Maguire's current counsel Pat Atherton eventually settled on June 7, with the trial expected to last four weeks. The court also scheduled two weeks starting next March for voir dire.

Jennifer's relatives, who wore white ribbons, were

only a few metres away

from Maguire and Haley

when they were escorted

into the courtroom. But

five sheriffs were also

there, including one man

who sat between the ac-

cused killers and pulled

the hood of Haley's green

parka down when she

tried to shield her face.

Melvin brother in court

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Another member of the infamous Melvin family made an appearance in court Thursday.

Cory Patrick Melvin, the 23-year-old younger brother of Jimmy Melvin Jr., showed up in Nova Scotia Supreme Court to have trial dates set on several arson charges stemming from fire-bombings back in the fall of 2006.

Andrew Jason Hudder, 21, faces charges for his alleged Jimmy Melvin involvement Jr. in the same incidents.

Chief Justice Joseph Philip said the trial for both Halifax men will start next April 26 and run through May 7, 2010.

Jimmy Melvin Jr. was sup-

posed to appear in court Thursday following his brother but Halifax lawyer Josh Arnold instead ap-

peared on his behalf.

The judge set next Jan. 25

through Feb. 1, 2010 as a tri-

al by jury for the 27-year-old

Melvin, who is facing one

charge of conspiring to

commit break and enter

and two charges of break-

ing and entering, also dat-

ing back to fall 2006.

News in brief

DRUGS A 52-year-old Halifax man is expected to appear in court Friday on a charge of cultivating drugs, according to police. Halifax Regional Police said in a media report that officers seized "a large quantity of mature marijuana plants" from his home on Mont Street, off of Herring Cove Road, while conducting a search at about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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Police on hunt for stolen beer

COLCHESTER COUNTY Thieves are trying to make some cash off kegs of beer they stole from a tractor-trailer earlier this month.

"This product has been for sale," Colchester County RCMP Cpl. Addie MacCallum said. "If anybody has been approached we would appreciate them contacting us."

The tractor-trailer, which contained 144 full kegs of beer, was stolen from the Armour Transport facility on Crossley Avenue in Truro after midnight on May 30.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Spirits soar at whisky distillery after win in trademark battle

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application for permission to have a third appeal on its opposition to the registration of Glen Breton.

Registration had been ap-

proved by the Federal Court of Appeal in a decision de-

livered in January.

"We take pride in having seen this fight through its final contest, which is well and truly the tradition of my Scots forefathers, and of

the Cape Breton heritage in

which I was raised," said Lauchie MacLean, the president of Glenora Distillers.

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CAPE BRETON POST

Suspicious fires being investigated

DARTMOUTH Police officers dealt with two suspicious fires in Dartmouth during the early morning hours Thursday.

Halifax Regional Police said they received a call about a car fire from a Jackson Road resident at 1:30 a.m. Less than three hours later, police responded to an attempted arson at a Burke Street apartment, where a resident told police "an object soaked in some type of accelerant was thrown at his window." There were no injuries in either case, Halifax Regional Police said.

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you already know about the event. That's one of the ways organizers have been promoting this throughout the municipality.

The bike ride is a worldwide event. Over the past five years bikers in different cities have slipped off their clothes, donned body paint and cycled around in an effort to raise awareness about biking issues.

"It was originally conceived as a way to demonstrate to people the vulnerability of bicycle riders to cars," MacDonald said. "Obviously you can't be any more vulnerable if

you're naked."

Over the years the ride has been used as a way to celebrate body image, to raise awareness about body painting artists or to develop cycling communities in different cities.

This year some cyclists in Halifax will become human canvases as artists in the city will body paint them for the event.

MacDonald is expecting at least 30 participants, but hoping for more.

"I think we can get a lot more people; it kind of depends on the weather I think," he said.



Dartmouth High School students and teachers protest in the pouring rain Thursday in regards to a new bus terminal that will take over six acres of the Dartmouth Common.

New bus hub angers protesters

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for Metro Halifax

et Avenue in Dartmouth.

The new bus terminal will have 16 bus bays to accommodate the 18 bus routes it serves.

The current terminal serves more than 17,000 people and is inadequate to serve transit demands, Lori Patterson, a spokeswoman for Metro Transit, said Thursday.

"People are getting the sense that this is their land and they should have a say in what goes on and have a feel for green space because it is very important for the environment," said Jacob Larkin, one of the students who planned the protest, as the rain came

down in heavy sheets.

The students are concerned with the environmental impact of losing the green space, but also about safety.

"They say it's going to be the largest (bus terminal) east of Montreal and it's just going to be a safety issue for the school having that many adults and strangers so close to the school," said Dartmouth student Victoria Coig.

Patterson said the new bus station will be built in an environmentally friendly way, according to LEED standards, and Metro Transit will keep as much green space as possible.

TERMINAL Students and teachers from Dartmouth High School braved the pouring rain Thursday to stage a protest in the Dartmouth Common.

The group of about 50 was looking to raise awareness about the Metro Transit bus terminal that, when built, will take six acres of land from the Dartmouth Common site.

The protesters carried lime green signs and umbrellas as they walked through puddle-filled greenspace along Nantucket

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A man who killed a five-year-old girl in Calgary lost his bid for escorted releases from a New Brunswick prison, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Little impact of alert

Officials urging doctors to test less people for flu

Canada has already been operating in pandemic mode, so a decision by the World Health Organization to hike the influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, alert to the highest level has minimal impact here, health officials say.

In fact, health officials are urging doctors to test fewer people for the H1N1 influenza virus so resources can be focussed on those most at risk rather than the "worried well."

"Essentially we've been experiencing the pandemic for a few months now in Canada as one of the three countries that was first af-

Flu Outbreak

fected ... Moving the number from five to six doesn't make any difference to that," Dr. David Butler-Jones, chief public health officer of Canada, told a news conference.

The World Health Organization yesterday declared the swine flu outbreak a pandemic, raising the alert from Phase 5 to 6, the highest level. The change reflects greater spread of the virus, not severity of illness. The overwhelming majority of those infected have experienced mild symptoms and

recovered quickly.

Meanwhile, Swiss pharmaceuticals company Novartis AG announced it had successfully produced a first batch of H1N1 vaccine ready for pre-clinical testing, weeks ahead of expectations. It was made in Germany in cells, rather than grown in eggs as is usually done. WHO says a vaccine will probably be approved and ready for sale after September. More than 30 governments have requested supplies, Novartis said. WHO declared a pandemic based on the virus's sustained transmission in more than two global regions.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trenton, Ont. **A hero comes home**



CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Pallbearers carry the remains of Private Alexandre Peloquin at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Ontario on Thursday. Peloquin was killed by a bomb blast in Afghanistan on Monday.

Do aboriginals face a higher flu risk?

News in brief

POLITICS The Liberals have built on their slim lead over the governing Conservatives, but neither party would be assured of clear victory if an election were held today, a poll released Thursday showed. The Ekos survey had Liberal support rising to 35 per cent in the period May 29-June 9 from 33.5 per cent in May 7-28. The Conservatives dropped to 30.3 per cent from 32.3 per cent.

REUTERS

Flu Outbreak

ETHNICITY Health officials say there is no evidence yet to support suggestions the impact of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, varies between ethnic groups.

But the officials say Canada is concerned about reports the virus has caused more severe symptoms in some aboriginal communities than in the rest of the population. The illness acts like the regular seasonal flu, the officials say.

"To make conclusions

"It's much too early to make any of those kinds of conclusions or presumptions."

Dr. David Butler-Jones, public health chief

based on a couple of communities that this is somehow a disease that is worse in a particular ethnic group — it's much too early to make any of those kinds of conclusions or presumptions," said Dr. David Butler-Jones, Canada's chief public health officer.

REUTERS

DRIVING An Abbotsford, B.C., driver was ticketed by police because his passenger was a real dummy. The 28-year-old man was on a High Occupancy Vehicle lane when a pair of transit officers returning to their office noticed that "something was not right about what or who was in the passenger seat."

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The 1981 film *The Lion of the Desert*, left, telling the story of Libyan guerrilla leader Omar al Mukhtar, was shown in Italy for the first time on television Thursday. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, making his first visit to former colonial ruler Italy, arrived in Rome Wednesday wearing a photo of al-Mukhtar. **REUTERS**

McCain defends Palin against Letterman

Republican Senator John McCain has a message for David Letterman: Enough jokes about Sarah Palin and her family. The host of the *Late Show* with David Letterman drew the ire of Palin this week by joking that a Palin daughter had sex with Yankees star Alex Rodriguez during a baseball game the ex-vice presidential candidate attended. "I don't understand why Letterman would say that about a young woman," McCain said Thursday. Palin charged that Letterman made "sexually perverted comments," prompting a semi-apology from Letterman on his show on Wednesday. **REUTERS**

World



News in brief

HUNT CIA director Leon Panetta said Thursday the U.S. intelligence agency believes al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is hiding in Pakistan and hopes joint operations with Pakistani forces will find him. Asked

whether he was sure that bin Laden was in Pakistan, Panetta told reporters: "The last information we had, that's still the case." There are "a number of people" on the ground in Pakistan providing intelligence on

al-Qaida targets to the United States, he said. **NUCLEAR** Iran and North Korea are working together to develop ballistic missiles and have made significant progress, the head of the Pentagon's Missile

Defense Agency said Thursday. "It really is an international effort going on out there to develop ballistic missile capability between these countries," U.S. Army Lieutenant General Patrick O'Reilly said. **REUTERS**



A boy wears a mask as he leaves the Japanese International School in a suburb of Duesseldorf, Germany on Thursday. German authorities have confirmed 30 cases of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, at the school.



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Pandemic declared

H1N1 first of the 21st century

The World Health Organization declared an influenza pandemic Thursday and advised governments to prepare for a long-term battle against an unstoppable new flu virus.

The United Nations agency raised its pandemic flu alert to Phase 6 on a six-point scale, indicating the first influenza pandemic since 1968 is underway.

"With today's announcement, WHO moves from an emergency to a longer-term response. Based on past experience, this pandemic will be with us for some months, if not years, to come," WHO director-general Dr. Margaret Chan said in a letter to staff.

People aged 30-50, pregnant women or people suffering from chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes or obesity are at highest risk, Chan told a news conference.

Countries from Australia to Chile and the United States are reporting the new influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, is "crowding out" seasonal flu, becoming the predominant influenza strain, she said.

For now the virus was "pretty stable," but Chan warned that it could still change into a more dead-

Flu Outbreak

No vaccine yet

- Different regulatory authorities need to work together to speed registration of a safe vaccine for influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, which will not be available before September. WHO director-general Margaret Chan said Thursday. Drugmakers have obtained the new influenza A (H1N1) seed virus in the past two weeks, enabling them to begin the production process by growing the virus in eggs.

ly form, perhaps mixing with the H5N1 bird flu virus circulating widely in poultry.

"So it is incumbent on WHO and all members to stay vigilant and alert for the next year or two or even beyond," she said. There is also a risk the swine flu could mix with its seasonal H1N1 cousin, which is resistant to antiviral flu drug Tamiflu, made by Roche AG and Gilead Sciences Inc., Dr. Anne Schuchat of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told a separate briefing.

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No democracy needed for Russia: Think tank

Russia does not need to move towards greater democracy because the financial crisis requires strong leadership, a think-tank close to the ruling party United Russia has said in a report.

The report for Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's party appears to pour cold water on President Dmitry Medvedev's declared intentions of cautiously reforming Russia's tightly controlled political system.

"It would be more honest and realistic to say that the democratization of Russia's political system in the near future cannot be a priority ... The priority for now is good governance," the Public Projects Institute, headed by parliamentarian Vladimir Pligin, said in the report released on Wednesday.

'Worse than in Soviet times'

- Last Friday the president of the Russian region of Bashkortostan, Murtaza Rakhimov, made a strong public attack on Russia's system of "vertical

power" set up by Putin. "Russia is walking away from democratization ... The level of centralization is worse than in Soviet times," Rakhimov said.

day. It was authored by 100 people including Pligin and public chamber member Alexander Brod.

Its conclusions appeared to chime with those of Putin, Russia's president from 2000-2008 and now the dominant partner in a dual leadership with his chosen successor Medvedev.

Business daily Vedomosti earlier published unusually frank remarks about Russia's political system from what it said was an early draft of the report.

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These were missing from the final version. "Regional leaders ... are appointed via arrangements strongly reminiscent of regional committee secretary nominations in the Soviet era," the newspaper cited the report as saying.

It said Russia's tightly controlled media resembled that of the Soviet media during the so-called "period of stagnation" prior to Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms in the 1980s.

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Berlusconi's wife shoots back

ITALY The wife of Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi said on Thursday that her reputation had been "muddied" by the media after her public demand for a divorce on grounds of infidelity plunged her husband into a major scandal.

Veronica Berlusconi unleashed a storm of public criticism over her billionaire husband's private life last month when she accused him of "frequenting minors," after he was photographed at the 18th birthday party of an aspir-

"I have watched in silence ... the brutal muddying of my person, my dignity and my marital history."

Veronica Berlusconi

ing model.

Some media, including outlets controlled by 72-year-old Berlusconi's Mediaset group, responded with stories about the private life of Veronica, a former

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actress and his second wife. "In these weeks I have watched in silence, without responding in the media, the brutal muddying of my person, my dignity and my marital history," she said in a letter to Italy's Corriere della Sera newspaper.

Her allegations prompted scrutiny of a New Year's Eve party in Berlusconi's villa to which he reportedly invited dozens of young women and accusations that he had used state aircraft to fly in party guests.

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Mexican army taking on corrupt police

DRUG WAR Soldiers are cracking down on corrupt police in Mexico's richest city, exposing the reach of drug traffickers who have tarnished its reputation for stability and order.

Heavily armed troops have rounded up more than 80 police in and around the city of Monterrey this month after finding lists of officers apparently in the pay of the

Gulf cartel. Security raids came to a head this week when masked federal police faced off in the streets at gun point with city cops alleged to work for the drug gangs.

Frightened motorists fled their cars for fear of a shootout that was narrowly avoided. The breakdown in law and order is damaging the image of one of Latin America's top

business cities.

Drug killings have flared in the city since 2006 in a fight between the Gulf cartel and gangs from the Pacific state of Sinaloa for smuggling routes into the United States.

The drug war killed more than 6,000 people across Mexico in 2008 and 2,500 people so far this year.

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News in brief

SNAKES Police in the African nation of Sierra Leone have called in the army and fire fighters to try to take back control of a police station which has been overrun by hundreds of snakes. Snake charmers have tried in vain to lure the beasts, mostly cobras and vipers, out of a police station in the southern district of Bo. Attempts to smoke them out also failed.

SETTLEMENT The state of Mississippi settled an anti-trust

suit with Microsoft for \$100 million US Thursday and said businesses, individuals, schools and local government were eligible for a share of the money. "They (Microsoft) were over-charging customers and creating a monopoly Anyone who made a purchase from Jan 1, 1996, to today is eligible for a share of the money," said Jan Schaefer, public information officer for the Mississippi attorney general.

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ASYLUM Bermuda's decision to grant asylum to four detainees from Guantanamo Bay sparked a political and diplomatic furor Thursday on the Atlantic island. Premier Ewart Brown defended the decision to take the men, part of a group of 17 ethnic Uighurs held at the U.S. military prison in Cuba, on humanitarian grounds and said it was taken in the context of strong relations between Bermuda and the U.S.

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Buy America: Blatant protectionism

InBusiness

Charles Davies



display of unanimity, now say they support the Harper government's desire to enshrine state/provincial and local procurement practices under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

By expanding NAFTA this way, Canada would gain an exemption from the Obama administration's Buy America rules.

Exemptions are already held by several countries — Australia, Britain and Mexi-

Cats, it appears, can be herded if the stakes are high enough. Our provincial premiers, in an extraordinary

co among them. They, unlike Canada, had the foresight to negotiate free trade in sub-national procurement contracts with the U.S.

Buy America is blatant protectionism, the kind of appealing, but self-defeating economic strategy governments use in recessions when it's politically necessary to appear to protect domestic jobs. It's also the kind of measure that provokes reprisals.

Ottawa has a good case for an exemption. The Canadian and U.S. economies are highly integrated. A part made in Canada might go into a U.S.-built component, which is then assembled into a finished Canadian product for shipment back to the U.S. Think of it as a supranational supply chain.

By one estimate, about 70 per cent of Canada/U.S. trade is this sort of industrial back and forth, which

means that penalizing one side automatically disadvantages the other.

Canadian officials would like Congress to write an exemption clause into the Buy America legislation or have U.S. President Barack Obama issue an executive order doing the same. Both are remote possibilities, meaning the likeliest course is re-opening NAFTA.

This has its own hazards. In addition to swapping an exemption for access to

Canadian procurement business, the U.S. might have other items on its shopping list. A new NAFTA will take time, and may not take effect until U.S. stimulus funds are long gone.

It's great Canada is finally on the case, but we should have taken care of this business long ago.

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Views

Better days ahead for former premier MacDonald

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Probably the second happiest person in Nova Scotia after the election results came in was Progressive Conservative Leader Rodney MacDonald.

MacDonald knew for some time that he wasn't going to

win. He had to endure a humiliating defeat in the legislature, and then spend weeks putting on a brave face as opposition parties ridiculed him, reporters grilled him and poll after poll touted his growing unpopularity.

Imagine waking up every morning knowing you have to smile all day while getting punched in the stomach. For 35 days straight. That's what the election must have felt like for our now former premier.

MacDonald lived by the talking point and, ultimately,

died by the talking point. His refusal to speak openly and naturally to voters was a big part of the Tory downfall. But that's all over. MacDonald is back to a low-stress lifestyle and is widely rumoured to be in for a nice federal appointment.

As for our new NDP overlords, sure life's a party for now. Just months ago many people thought they'd never make that rural breakthrough and form a government. Their dominant win has got to be extra sweet after years of being so close.

But there's one glaring problem facing Darrell Dexter and company — they've got to find a way to balance the budget, which won't be easy.

That's something MacDonald no longer has to worry about. He could soon be spending his days golfing with Pamela Wallin and scarfing chicken with Mike Duffy in his new role as senator.

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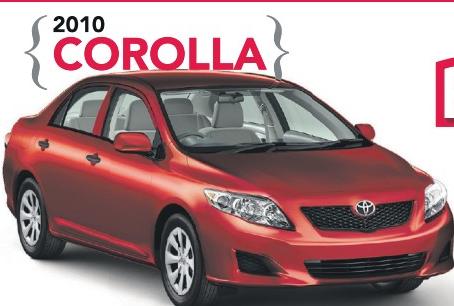


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Hundreds of investors have been fleeced of up to 10 billion rand (\$1.3 billion) in what could be South Africa's biggest corporate fraud, a private investigator and lawyer said on Thursday. Businessman Barry Tannenbaum allegedly lured investors with the promise of 200 per cent annual returns linked to pharmaceutical imports. **REUTERS**

Business

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Boeing contract:

IMP Aerospace Components of Amherst will be manufacturing parts of Boeing's Chinook Heavy Lift Helicopter over the next six years.

Lobster industry aid:

Federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea announced a \$65-million assistance package for the lobster industry in Atlantic Canada and Quebec.

BRE program recognized:

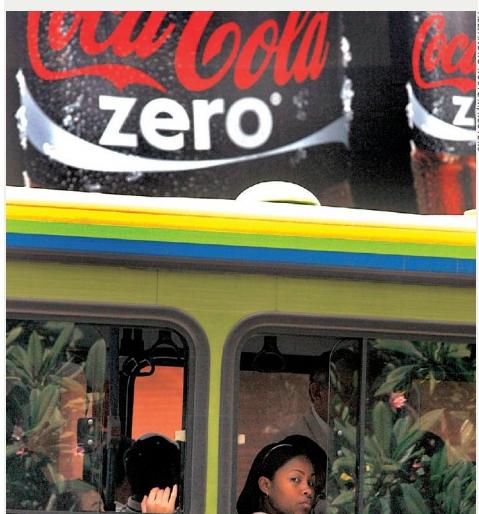
Nova Scotia's BRE program recently received an honourable mention in the state/province/territory category at the 2009 BRE International Awards in May.

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Venezuela Coke Zero banned



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Carney talks recovery

Exit strategies urged for stimulus spending

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney pledged Thursday to stay the course on monetary policy and said it was important for countries to have valid exit strategies from stimulus spending as well as flexible exchange rates.

He repeated past language that he expects to keep the bank's target interest rate at 0.25 per cent through mid-2010, that he retains the flexibility to use unconventional measures and that the recent sharp rise in the Canadian dollar could fully offset recent positive developments in the Canadian economy.

In the prepared text of a speech he was giving in Montreal, he said too much fiscal stimulus by countries could be self-defeating if it leads to higher interest rates or reduces spending by consumers worried about tax hikes.

"It is ... paramount that fiscal policy frameworks retain credibility. This requires both effective current initiatives and realistic exit strategies."

Mark Carney,
Bank of Canada

feating if it leads to higher interest rates or reduces spending by consumers worried about tax hikes.

"It is therefore paramount that fiscal policy frameworks retain credibility. This requires both effective current initiatives and realistic exit strategies," he said.

Massive fiscal spending

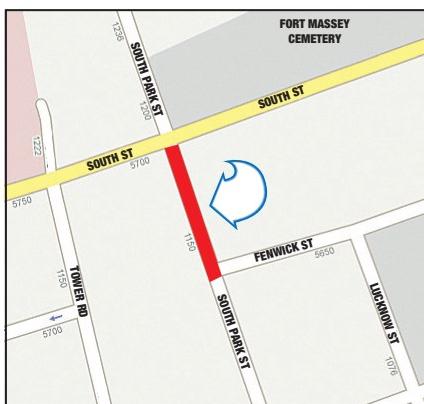
and tax cuts should make growth positive in the United States, Japan and China in the third quarter, but self-sustaining private demand in most major economies is not yet imminent, he said.

In remarks that appeared directed at least partly at China, Carney added countries must adopt coherent macroeconomic policies and allow "real exchange rates to adjust to achieve external balance over time... Given the current, deeply synchronous global recession, the costs of free riding should be obvious to all."

Carney said the U.S. current account deficit this year would fall by almost two-thirds from its peak, and China's surplus would also fall.

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Jordan jersey stolen from Parker

A man has been arrested for allegedly stealing an autographed Michael Jordan jersey from the home of San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker. Detectives found a listing for the jersey on Craigslist that was posted by Christopher James Carolan. The 22-year-old worked for the security company hired to protect the home. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Showdown for Stanley

Penguins, Red Wings to leave it all on the ice tonight

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Pittsburgh at Detroit



It is a once-in-a-lifetime chance, an evening of heroes and heartbreak that will end with one team lifting the trophy most hockey players, even the pros, will only ever see up close at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

When the Penguins and Red Wings clash at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena tonight, it will not only be a show-

down for the Stanley Cup, a new Game 7 legend is bound to emerge.

Pittsburgh, however, already has one. It was just five years ago that Ruslan Fedotenko scored both goals in Tampa's 2-1 victory over Calgary in Game 7 of the final.

Now, he not only skates for the Penguins, usually on Evgeni Malkin's wing, he is prone to giving pre-game inspirational talks. Given his history, his teammates are bound to listen tonight. So what will the message be?

"It's not about who is scoring. It's about the win. At this point, it doesn't matter who scores, we've just

"It's not about who is scoring. It's about the win ... We've just got to get a W and win the Cup."

Ruslan Fedotenko, Penguins forward

got to get a W and win the Cup."

The Penguins have no shortage of stars. Malkin and Sidney Crosby lead all playoff scorers. Defenceman Sergei Gonchar is one of the best power-play quarterbacks in the game. Hot and cold goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury could steal or give away a championship all on his own.

But there is an all-for-one attitude on the team that

everyone, from the captain down, has bought into. It's a big reason why the Penguins are positioned to potentially sip from one of the world's most impressive champagne goblets.

"There might be a sense of responsibility," Crosby said of his own role tonight. "But, you know what, I think everyone feels a part of it. We all want to make sure we make the most of it."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NHL should show mercy and put the Coyotes out of their misery



The slow death of the Phoenix Coyotes in an Arizona courtroom is painful to watch, but it is highly instructive. It's a bit like a wounded dog begging for mercy from a too-proud master.

What is astounding is not that the NHL is trying to protect its ability to place franchises, nor is it that the league flinches when a maverick tries to pick off a weak member of the herd.

What really surprises is that in tough economic times, the pro hockey bosses are deaf to the fans' voices.

The bottom line in any sport is that loyal and devoted followers are needed in order to flourish. There has to be a fervent commitment to the cause. In hockey's case, the disciples live in Canada. This is where the

game is bred in the bone and where people crave the chance to see an NHL game in real life. In southern Ontario there are millions of these obsessed fans.

In the southern United States, pro hockey is at best an amusement with a handful of curious onlookers. At worst, the NHL in places like Phoenix is an experiment in sustaining ice in the heat of the desert.

It's unnatural — at times cruel — to the fans of a beloved game.

All of this pain and angst and a trumped-up court

case in order to breathe life into a barely limping bunch of Coyotes.

Maybe the NHL should do what's fair and what makes good business sense. Perhaps the league might agree that its future is north of the border in Canada where the fans run wild.

It's time to put the Coyotes out of their misery and end the dog days of hockey for good.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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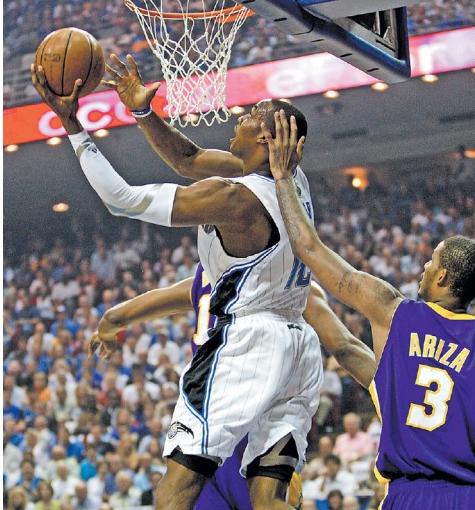
Crawford does Dallas

The Dallas Stars named Marc Crawford as their new coach Thursday, bringing in a well-travelled NHL veteran to replace the fired Dave Tippett. The coaching change is the first significant move by general manager Joe Nieuwendyk since he was hired May 31.

Crawford has a 470-361-156 record in 13 seasons as an NHL coach.

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NBA Finals Superman soars



Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic puts a shot up over Trevor Ariza of the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 4 of the 2009 NBA Finals Thursday night in Orlando, Fla. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Sports in brief

SOCER Cristiano Ronaldo is heading to Real Madrid after Manchester United accepted an offer of \$131 million for the transfer, giving the star the right to negotiate with the Spanish club.

COYOTE POLL A Wednesday night poll of 1013 Canadians by NRG Research Group found that 56 per cent of respondents think that moving the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton would be in the best interests of hockey. That number rises to 82 per cent

among people who identify themselves as loyal hockey fans.

TRACK The world's fastest man put on a show at the inaugural Festival of Excellence on Thursday night. Usain Bolt, the 100-metre world record holder from Jamaica, ran 10.00 seconds under dark skies and a steady downpour at Varsity Stadium. Shawn Crawford of the U.S. was second in 10.25, and Ivory Williams, also of the U.S., finished third in 10.28.

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Halifax native John Flemming will participate in the Pro All-Star Series race at Speedway 660 near Fredericton, N.B., on Saturday. Flemming is currently third in the Carquest Pro Stock Tour point standings after a pair of races. METRO HALIFAX

Berry back as Rainmen coach

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The Halifax Rainmen have finally reached a deal to bring back head coach Les Berry for another season.

Berry, initially hired halfway through last season after the early-February firing of Rick Lewis, was signed to a one-year contract Thursday, owner Andre Levingston said.

Levingston has been trying to lock up Berry since the Premier Basketball League season ended in March. The Halifax native posted a 6-3 record — his predecessor was 6-5 — but was unable to guide the Rainmen to the playoffs.

"He's an extremely, extremely hard worker and he's just so passionate about basketball — he strives for excellence," Levingston raved. "He did a great job coming in halfway through the season. We just missed the playoffs."

Berry did not take on any scouting and recruiting duties last year, but that will change under the new contract. Although he will not

"It's going to be exciting to see him come in from the start and be instrumental in selecting the players who are going to win us a championship"

Andre Levingston

assume the title of general manager, he will play an instrumental role in the architecture of the 2010 roster.

Levingston said Berry will travel frequently with him throughout the summer to evaluate and recruit players.

"He's going to be a busy, busy boy," Levingston said.

The hope is that Berry's imprint on the roster — and his presence from the opening day of training camp — will help the Rainmen ascend to new heights next season.

"It's going to be exciting to see him come in from the start and be instrumental in selecting the players



Halifax Rainmen coach Les Berry was signed to a one-year contract yesterday, owner Andre Levingston said.

who are going to win us a championship," Levingston said. "Once he puts together a plan and executes, I'm sure everyone will be pleased."

Levingston said the delay in inking Berry was simply a conflict of schedules, with both men out of the city at different times. But he wanted to get a deal done

when he started getting "bombed" with calls from prospective coaches.

"We said, 'You know you want to be here, you know I want you to be here, so let's

just sit down and do whatever it takes to get it done,'" said Levingston. "We did that."

Berry did not return messages.

Former Herd goalie heading to Brock

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Former Halifax Mooseheads goalie Mark Yetman has decided to play university hockey for the Brock Badgers.

The 20-year-old from Mount Pearl, N.L., made the decision official this week after flying to St. Catharines, Ont., to spend three days visiting the



Mark Yetman

campus. He hopes to spend four or five seasons with the Badgers while getting his university degree and then wants to pursue a career in the pros.

"They flew me up for three days to check out the campus and I loved it there," said Yetman. "They have a great coach and a full-time goalie

coach, which is rare in university, so I will have a chance to continue to work on my game."

Yetman spent three seasons with the Mooseheads and had been their starting goaltender since February 2008. He started 55 games last season, going 16-30-5 with one shutout, a .389 goals-

against average and a .876 save percentage.

His crowning moment with the Mooseheads came in the 2008 playoffs, when he was sensational in a memorable five-game series win over the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

He started 108 games in total with Halifax.

Brock went 9-14-3-2 last season, 15th of 18 teams in Ontario University Athletics.

Tigers add high-scoring forward

HOCKEY Porters Lake native Cole Harbour McCain star for his speed, grit and finish."



Ryan Stoddard

Ryan Stoddard is the latest recruit of the Dalhousie Tigers men's hockey team.

The high-scoring junior A forward played with the Dieppe Commandos last season and was the MVP of the Fred Page Cup Eastern Canadian championship. He piled up 145 points in 110 games over two seasons.

Dal coach Pete Belliveau commended the former

Belliveau has unveiled a bevy of off-season recruits after five consecutive non-playoff campaigns.

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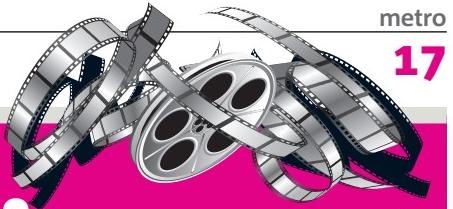
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Yes, dear?

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Ryan Reynolds reveals the naked truth about his role in *The Proposal*, starring alongside rom-com veteran Sandra Bullock. The Canadian actor admits, "You have to be perfectly comfortable taking your pants off around 40 or 50 crewmembers."

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The naked truth

Reynolds pantless, and loving it, in Proposal

Movie feature

STEVE GOW
For Metro Canada

With the amount of attention Ryan Reynolds is getting for his much-talked about nude scene in The Proposal, you'd think the Canadian actor would be getting annoyed with all the questions.

"No, I'm happy to talk about it," admitted

Reynolds during a stop in Toronto to discuss his latest movie (in theatres next Friday). "It's definitely something that when people see the film, they take away and talk about it over and over again so I'm happy to bring it up."

For those uneducated about the film's said sequence, let's just say it involves Reynolds and costar Sandra Bullock literally running headlong into each other fully undressed.

On the web

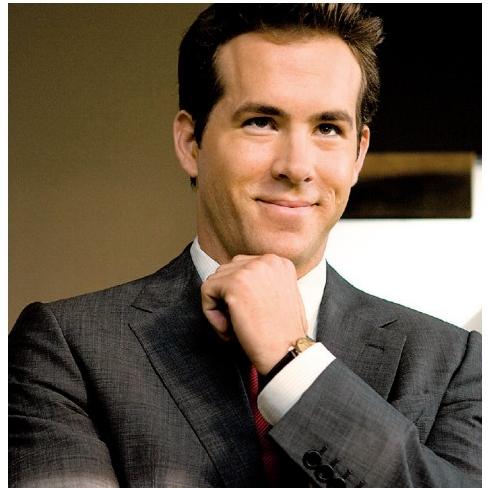
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Lucky for Reynolds, his nine year acquaintance with Bullock may have eased the awkwardness just as it aided in establishing chemistry between the stars. After all, in The Proposal, Reynolds plays overworked assis-

tant to Bullock's bothersome book editor — that is, until her Canadian visa expires and she forces him to marry her in order to avoid being deported.

If that sounds like a pushy premise for a romantic-comedy, it may be because it shouldn't be regarded as such.

"When we were making this, we didn't really feel like we were making a romantic-comedy," said Reynolds. "It's more of a comedy to us."



Ryan Reynolds is not shy about dishing on his much-talked nude scene with Sandra Bullock in The Proposal.

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Pelham 1 2 3 feels frozen in time

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3

Director: Tony Scott
Stars: Denzel Washington, John Travolta
Classification: 14A
Rating: **•••**

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

REVIEW The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3, an update on the 1974 Walter Matthau/Robert Shaw subway heist caper, is really just an excuse for director Tony Scott to try out his jittery camerawork and seizure-inducing editing on the New York City subway

system.

At one point, a character remarks on how beautiful the city is. We have to take his word for it, since the camera never slows down long enough for us to make it out.

Luckily, Scott brought along his favourite leading actor, Denzel Washington (this is their fourth collaboration), whose performance as a schlub of an MTA dispatcher in over his head dealing with a murderous hijacker (John Travolta). Washington does a lot without much to work with, disappearing into a character painfully testing the limits of his abilities. The bad news for Washing-



John Travolta plays a murderous hijacker in The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3.

ton is who he's sparring with: Travolta's radicalized white-collar criminal, sub-tly named Ryder.

Travolta has played some great over-the-top villains in the past. Unfortunately, his agro shtick here hews closer to Battlefield Earth

than Face/Off. Maybe it's the hastily drawn neck tattoos or the oddly vitriolic dislike of Italian-Americans, but he nearly devours the entire hijacked subway car with his scenery-chewing.

Surrounding Washingt-

ton and Travolta's extended dialogue are some pretty ridiculous plot points, including a video-chat-happy girlfriend picking the worst possible time to harangue her hostage boyfriend via his Wi-Fi-enabled laptop hidden on

the subway car floor.

And when the ransom delivery car's mad dash through Manhattan comes to a crashing halt, James Gandolfini's mayor wonders aloud why no one thought to use a helicopter. The problem is, it's a valid question, and the filmmakers don't excuse themselves by simply having the mayor raise it.

Other details irk, like financial reporters freaking out over the pre-credit-crunch Dow dropping all the way down to 12,000. Add in the assaulting use of Jay-Z's "99 Problems" over the opening credits and this remake feels frozen in time — two years ago, to be exact — which is odd for a modernization.

• For Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 photos, trailer, and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Fox taking over Buffy?

The rumour in Hollywood is that Sarah Michelle Gellar could be passing her sharpened stakes to Megan Fox in an updated version of the Buffy the Vampire Slayer movie. [EONLINE.COM](#)

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Saved by its heart

Imagine That

Director: Karen Kirkpatrick
Stars: Eddie Murphy, Yara Shahidi
Classification: G
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Just when you thought Eddie Murphy's appeal as a dim-witted daddy had long expired, here comes Imagine That — a film that manages to capitalize on either a slight improvement on the actor's overbearing skill-

set or a lowered expectation from moviegoers. Maybe a bit of both.

In the film, Murphy plays Evan, a divorced dad who dedicates most of his time advising financial clients.

So, just as the workaholic is about to compete for a promotion, it proves prosperous that he discovers the inseparable, prophetic blanket his neglected daughter (Yara Shahidi) owns.

As he begins to share playful rituals with young Olivia to awaken the blanket's hidden prognosticating imaginary characters, Evan earns his daughter's affection.

That is, until selfishness complicates the relationship and he faces a valuable lesson about balancing work and family.

As transparent as that sugary storyline may be, *Imagine That* is undeniably huge on heart and a sharper-than-expected script. It may be one of Murphy's better forays into the family genre but one has to wonder if he's getting as tired of making cutesy G-rated fluff as audiences must be seeing him star in it.

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Eddie Murphy returns to daddy mode in *Imagine That*.

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Jessica Biel stars as an American racecar driver who marries a Brit aristocrat in *Easy Virtue*.

Little merit to Virtue

Easy Virtue

Director: Stephan Elliott
Stars: Jessica Biel, Ben Barnes
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW In fact, what could've been a scathing indictment on aristocratic hypocrisy ends up mostly toothless, gumming at the satire like an old man eating pudding without his dentures.

In the early-20th century comic-drama, Jessica Biel (The Illusionist) plays a free-spirited American racecar driver who marries naïve John (Ben Barnes), an

upper-crust Brit whose family is at odds with the new kin, especially John's snooty mom (Kristin Scott Thomas) who sets out to subvert the matrimony.

Naturally, this conflict would either logically give way to suspense (as Alfred Hitchcock attempted in a 1928 adaptation) or humour. Unfortunately for *Easy Virtue*, it does neither effectively, instead feeding us mostly gags that are heavy-handed and obvious — especially one overplayed sequence involving the family's beloved-but-doomed Chihuahua.

The film's performances are satisfying enough and while *Easy Virtue*'s themes of recession in the mid-1920s may seem sur-

prisingly poignant, a bewildering tone lacks the focus required to land a punch.

Things just get weirder by the time you hear Barnes crooning a jazzy version of Billy Ocean's When the Going Gets Tough. Because when that happens, the tough get going.

HollywoodRants

Steve Gow

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Hank Azaria is celebrating after becoming a father for the first time. The funnyman's girlfriend, Katie Wright, gave birth to the couple's son Hal on Saturday. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Azaria a dad

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Someone please stop Eddie

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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ed star in Hollywood who consistently makes the worst movies. Don't get me wrong, nobody hits a home run every time, but Murphy's recent batting average is worse than most.

He's never been consistent, but in the old days for every stinker like Vampire in Brooklyn he'd make two others that were drop dead funny. Of late though, he's been stuck in Vampire in Brooklyn mode, trying to suck laughs out of increasingly thin scripts.

Let's look at the good, the bad and the ugly on Murphy's filmography.

THE GOOD: In Dreamgirls Murphy gives the kind of performance that he's only hinted at in other films. As R&B singer James (Thunder) Early — imagine 1966-era James Brown — he blows the doors off, digging deep and creating a memorable character who is as magnetic as he is repulsive.

THE BAD: Haunted Man-



Eddie Murphy's cinematic nadir in Norbit may have cost him an Oscar for Dreamgirls, columnist Richard Crouse says.

sion. It's a comedy! No! It's a mystery! Nope, it's a love story, a ghostly tale and an adventure story. It's all of those things and less. Mostly it's a big screen ad for a Disney theme park ride.

THE UGLY: With so many to choose from — Meet Dave, The Adventures of Pluto Nash, for example — it's

hard to decide but I'll pick Norbit because it's the movie that cost Eddie his Oscar. He was nominated for Dreamgirls but had the misfortune to have Norbit open in theatres the week Academy voters were casting their ballots. Any goodwill he accumulated with Dreamgirls evaporated when Oscar tastemakers

"He may be the biggest, most talented star in Hollywood who consistently makes the worst movies ... nobody hits a home run every time but Murphy's recent batting average is worse than most."

got a load of him dressed as an aggressive 300 pound woman and the award went elsewhere.

The worst part is, I think he knows the movies stink. He recently told Extra "I have close to fifty movies and it's like, why am I in the movies? I've done that part now."

Why indeed Eddie, why indeed.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

CAST Keira Knightley and Colin Farrell have joined the cast of the drama London Boulevard, the directorial debut of William Monahan, the Oscar-winning screenwriter of The Departed.

The duo join David Thewlis, Anna Friel, Ben Chaplin and Ray Winstone in the film, which Monahan adapted from author Ken Bruen's novel. The movie centres on a London criminal who is newly released from prison and becomes involved with a reclusive young actress.

The Familiars up for screen time

RIGHTS Sony Pictures Animation has picked up the rights to The Familiars, an upcoming children's fantasy book series written by Adam Jay Epstein and Andrew Jacobson. The first book follows three young wizard apprentices who get whisked away to an evil kingdom by a nefarious queen.

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Bond headed to Afghanistan?

The Guardian reports that unnamed scriptwriters on the unnamed follow up to Quantum of Solace have been seeking technical advice from the British Embassy in Kabul. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Away We Go in search of home

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



Away We Go brings together a group of people from different corners of the entertainment world to tell the story of a young couple searching for a home for their impending family.

Starring as the central couple are John Krasinski, from TV's *The Office*, and Maya Rudolph, best known as a chameleon on Saturday Night Live. At the helm is Oscar-winning director

Away We Go opens in theatres next Friday

flip and do something completely different," Mendes explains.

"Revolutionary Road is about the mechanics of a couple facing each other. It's about the relationship

Sam Mendes, fresh off directing the much more dour Revolutionary Road. While a much different movie, Mendes sees *Away We Go* as a companion piece to Revolutionary Road, as the other side of the same coin. "It was a wonderful tonic after the darkness of Revolutionary Road, to be able to

itself. This treats the couple as a unit," he says. "I've never done two movies that are at opposite ends of the same spectrum."

Krasinski previously worked with

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Mendes, playing a small role in *Jarhead*, and the chance to work with the director again was too good to pass up — even if Mendes had once offered him some bum career advice. The actor remembers that while filming *Jarhead*,

Mendes had expressed his displeasure at the idea of an American version of *The Office*.

"His whole thing was, 'You don't touch the un-touchable. You don't re-sing a Beatles song. You leave it.' And he thought the English

version was perfect," Krasinski explains. "I said, 'That's a terrible idea.'" Mendes remembers. "Can you get out of it?"

Their history together made Mendes think of Krasinski immediately upon reading the script for *Away We Go*. But the idea of casting Rudolph didn't come as quickly. Luckily for the actress, screenwriters Dave Eggers and

Vendela Vida had supposedly created the part with her in mind.

"Someone told me about the script," Rudolph remembers. "They said Dave and Vendela had me in mind when they wrote it."

When Mendes signed on, she made it clear to him as well how badly she wanted the part. Apparently it worked. And it's a good thing, too, as Rudolph and Krasinski share an onscreen chemistry so comfortable, it's easy to see how it's a world away from the last couple Mendes chronicled.



Maya Rudolph and John Krasinski star in *Away We Go*.

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Looks like the long-gestating biopic of ace cyclist Lance Armstrong might be about to move up through the gears, after Gary Ross came on board to write the screenplay. Ross wrote and directed *Seabiscuit*. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Movies

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★ GOOD; ★ FAIR; ● POOR

Movie morsels

Angels & Demons

★★★½

REVIEW Harvard Professor Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is back in action. Three years after he uncovered the complicated personal life of Jesus Christ in *Da Vinci Code* he's once again using his knowledge of symbology to unravel the mystery of a

secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican. What's more, he'll do it all in just one night.

Richard Crouse/Metro Canada

Monsters vs. Aliens

★★★★

REVIEW There's something

refreshing about a movie with a title that tells you everything you need to know about it. Part Plan 9 from Outer Space, part The Dirty Dozen, *Monsters vs. Aliens* is all about good, old-fashioned escapism. Just don't pay too close attention to the plot holes and lazy exposition. The movie has an all-star cast,

the kind only possible in an animated movie, led by Reese Witherspoon as Susan.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World

Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian

★★½

REVIEW In 2006's *Night at the Museum*, technology allowed Ben Stiller to realistically wrestle all sorts of taxidermy in New York's Museum of Natural History. Now in *Battle of the Smithsonian*, Stiller goes to Washington D.C. and pretty much does the same thing. Well, almost. He may have gone from security guard to shilling dodgy products (like the unloseable key ring) on TV,

but Larry Daley (Stiller) is still drawn back to the museum only to discover his nocturnal pals being carted off to the Smithsonian for storage.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Star Trek

★★★½

REVIEW In what could easily have been *Star Trek: The College Years*, the film brings together the crew of the USS Enterprise for their maiden voyage to do battle with a black hole-building Romulan with a chip on his shoulder (Eric Bana, with Mike Tyson-like face tattoos). In the midst of the crisis, the filmmakers reinvigorate well-worn heroes Kirk (Chris Pine) and Spock (Zachary Quinto) by sprinkling on liberal

amounts of daddy issues.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World

Terminator Salvation

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REVIEW In this unwanted and perfunctory prequel/sequel slog, the robot apocalypse's chief adversary, resistance leader John Connor is trying to find his would-be teenage father Kyle Reese before the evil cybernetic empire called Skynet erases him, thus eliminating Connor's existence. Confused? Not as confused as supposedly executed death row prisoner Marcus Wright (Sam Worthington) who literally wakes up after a nuclear blast and spends much of the movie stumbling about the desert.

Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

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Music

A revolution in French music

Catchy new album is helping pop-rock band Phoenix get noticed

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada**Success has a funny way of finding artists.**

Back in the late '90s it seemed achievable almost overnight for Parisian acts like Daft Punk and Air, who carved separate niches into pop's ample market. Phoenix was also there in the suburb of Versailles, and though the band had a unique sound — catalogue it somewhere between the Strokes, Steely Dan and the Art of Noise — the band never received any framed platinum discs.

"At the beginning it was really hard," admits frontman Thomas Mars. "I don't think we were even giving people a chance to like us because (United, the band's 2000 debut album) sounded more like commercial suicide to me. I remember



On Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix — the fourth album from French pop-rock band Phoenix — the rhythms are savvier, the melodies prompter and the arrangements flawlessly constructed.

being in France and everyone was confused, even by the record cover."

They shouldn't really blame themselves. The Frenchmen have crafted some of the most sophisti-

cated, hummable pop music of the last decade and never changed their creative process while doing so. Mars sees each record "as a photo album that represents you at a certain

time. I think we just want to make different records all the time. We don't really see any record as an upgrade."

He may see it that way, but there is an unmistak-

able vibrancy and progression with the fourth Phoenix album, Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix. The rhythms are savvier, the melodies prompter and the arrangements are flawlessly constructed. And it's gotten noticed — now people are finally catching on.

"To me it's more extreme, it's also a little more futuristic," says Mars of the new album. "All of the inspirations were so different that we couldn't find a way to put them together, so it is a record that was maybe a little more painful to make. But in the end it was more satisfying because it was more like a Frankenstein. (Because of it) I think the songs of United have a chance again."

As witnessed by an appearance on Saturday Night Live back in April, Phoenix have also progressed as a live band,

"For the first time I think we've managed to incorporate us as a rock band and bring the studio live, which is something that took us a long time to do."

Thomas Mars

something Mars feels is a result of making Wolfgang Amadeus.

"It can be a struggle after an album to play it live, because sometimes we've done things that are impossible to translate," he confesses. "For the first time I think we've managed to incorporate us as a rock band and bring the studio live, which is something that took us a long time to do."

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Music

Fresh sounds for summer

Alexisonfire, Grizzly Bear among top new music picks

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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For many parts of Canada, spring has been a bust: long cool stretches punctuated by rain or even snow — in June! No wonder everyone is grumpy. Maybe what we need are some summer songs.

Alexisonfire: St. Catharines, Ont., noiseniks have evolved their sound away from the more screamo approach that found them fans on their first couple of records. They're still extremely heavy, but melody plays more of a role. I've heard most of Old Crows/Young Cardinals already

— it's out on June 23 — and if it doesn't debut at No. 1 on the Canadian album charts, demand a recount.

Grizzly Bear: In six months, their Veckatimest album will no doubt appear on many a hipster "best-of" list. Chief songwriting bruin, Edward Droste — there is a member named Christopher Bear, by the way — grew up appreciating the more experimental sides of Brian Wilson. There's a lot of mutual appreciation going on with Radiohead, too. No wonder Thom and Co. had them open for parts of their 2008 tour. Think Elliott Smith or a less loopy Flaming Lips. Nice for those reflective moments around the campfire.

The Sounds: Perky Swedish pop-rock fronted by

the extremely blond Maja Ivarsson. Since they formed in 1999, many a North American rock star (I'm looking at you, Dave Grohl!) have shown their love by sporting Sounds T-shirts. Their third album, Crossing the Rubicon,

Josh Homme) finally has her post-Distillers project off the ground. We had a taste with the Ghetto Love EP just before Christmas which indicated that Brody was headed down a path similar to late-model Yeah Yeah Yeahs — which, is to say, a very good path indeed. Little known fact:



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came out last week with the single No One Sleeps When I'm Awake conjuring early '80s New Wave memories of Missing Persons and even Blondie.

Spinnerette: Brody Dalle (or, as Queen of the Stone Age fans know her, Mrs.

Brody is a keen student of JFK conspiracy theories.

White Rabbits: Didn't bands with two drummers go out of fashion with the Doobie Brothers? Someone evidently forgot to tell this Brooklyn-based six-piece, who have just released It's

Frightening, their second full album. The lead-off track, the aptly titled Percussion Gun, could

lead to demerit points on your license. Old school alt-rockers will be reminded of both Adam and the Ants and Bow Wow Wow.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com



Metro recommends

• **Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix, Phoenix:**

Dynamic indie dance-pop that fuses Strokes-like guitars, nimble keyboards and laidback vocals into a feel-good sound.

• **Big Whiskey And The GrooGrux King, Dave Matthews Band:**

DMB sounds more celebratory, adding horn sections, rousing guitars and funky rhythms to the mix.

• **Blackout! 2, Method Man & Redman:**

Humorous rap duo shows its flow can suit serious rhymes with old-school production and boom-bap beats.

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Exit Heidi, enter Holly Montag

Holly, sister of Heidi Pratt, made her debut on NBC's *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!* Wednesday night. Montag is replacing Heidi and her husband, Spencer, who quit the show for good after Heidi was hospitalized with a reported ulcer. [USMAGAZINE.COM](#)

Television

Letterman finally victorious

CBS' Late Show overtakes NBC's Tonight Show in ratings last week

Julia Roberts and the Black Eyed Peas helped David Letterman overtake Conan O'Brien in the late-night ratings competition Tuesday night.

CBS' Late Show earned a higher overnight number than NBC's Tonight Show for the first time since the NBC late-night franchise switched hosts from Jay Leno to Conan O'Brien last week.

On the seventh day of Letterman vs. O'Brien, CBS earned a 3.4 metered-market household rating to NBC's 2.9. Late Show was also up 13 per cent from the previous week and 17 per cent from the year-earlier period.

O'Brien's guests Tuesday were Eddie Murphy, Angela Kinsey and Bonnie Raitt.

The ratings gap between

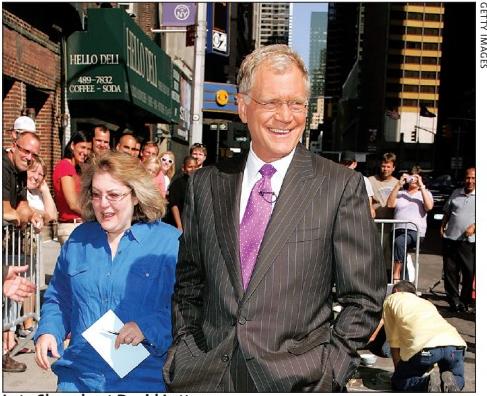
the hosts has been narrowing nearly every night since O'Brien took the helm of Tonight on June 1. The last time Late Show topped Tonight under Jay Leno was eight months ago.

One mitigating factor: NBC aired live National Hockey League playoff coverage Tuesday in prime-time, which led to low-rated local programming air-

ing in the latter hours on the West Coast, potentially providing Tonight with a weaker-than-usual lead-in.

When asked about O'Brien's ratings Tuesday at an event, NBC co-chair Marc Graboff noted that the late-night ratings game "is a marathon," not a sprint, and that this is a contest that will be fought over years.

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Late Show host David Letterman.

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| prime time 6/12/09 | 31 | 31 | 31 | ABC | News | ABC News | Inside Edition | Chronicle | Surviving Sub. | Goode Family | Samantha | Samantha |
| | 7 | 7 | 7 | ASN | The Road to Avonlea | Instant Star | TMZ (N) | Don't Forget the Lyrics! | | Samantha | Samantha | Spectacle |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 | CBC | Coronation St. | Jeopardy! (N) | 22 Minutes | Hockey Night | NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 7 -- Penguins at Red Wings | | | |
| sports | 32 | 32 | 32 | CBS | News | Evening News | Patrols | Entertainment | Ghost Whisperer | Flashpoint (HDTV) | NUMB3RS | |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 | CIHF | Entertainment | ET Canada | NUMB3RS (HDTV) | | The Unit | NCIS "Twisted Sister" | News | |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | CJCH | etalk | Hollywood | Spectacle: Elvis | | Ghost Whisperer | Flashpoint (HDTV) | News | |
| | 36 | 36 | 36 | FOX | Deal-No Deal | The Simpsons | Two/Half Men | Two/Half Men | Don't Forget the Lyrics! | Mental (HDTV PA) | Fox First | |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 | NBC | News | NBC News | Hollywood | Extra (N) | NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 7 -- Penguins at Red Wings | | | |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | SCOR | Morency | Covers | Poker Challenge | | WWE SmackDown! | | Score Tonight | |
| | 53 | 53 | 53 | TSN | Off the Record | SportsCentre | MLB Baseball | Florida Marlins at Toronto Blue Jays | From Rogers Centre in Toronto. | | SportsCentre | |
| | 16 | 16 | 16 | A&E | CSI: Miami "Addiction" | CSI: Miami "Darkroom" | CSI: Miami "Ambush" | CSI: Miami "All In" | | CSI: Miami | | |
| | 70 | 70 | 70 | APTN | News (N) | Tears | Fish Out | Spirit | Cashing In | Miss Congeniality *** (2000, Comedy) | | |
| | 37 | 37 | 37 | BRVO | Street Legal | Battle of Wills | Bravo! Fact | Books-Film | Mad About Mambo *** (2000) | | | |
| | 49 | 49 | 49 | COM | Laughs | Corner Gas | Air Force | Good Morning | Corner Gas VIP | The Simpsons | South Park | MADtv |
| | 18 | 18 | 18 | CNN | Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer | Lou Dobbs Tonight | Corporation | Good Morning | Campbell Brown (N) | Larry King Live (N) | Cooper 360 | |
| | 38 | 38 | 38 | DISC | How It's Made | How It's Made | Big Planet (N) | Property | Doing Da Vinci (N) | Canada's Worst Handyman | Machines | |
| | 34 | 48 | 48 | HGTV | Holmes on Homes | House | House | Extreme | Ext Living | Location | House | |
| | 46 | 46 | 46 | HIST | Legends | Legends | NCIS | Jurassic Fight Club | Legends | Ice Road Trck | | |
| | 17 | 17 | 17 | MM | disBand | One Tree Hill | Degrassi: TNG | Video on Trial | Dazed and Confused (1993, Drama) | | | |
| | 206 | 206 | 206 | PIX | (5:40) <i>The Natural</i> | (8:10) <i>The Final Cut</i> (1995, Suspense) | | | The Lost Boys *** (1987, Horror) | | | |
| | 39 | 39 | 39 | SHOW | Trailer Park | Trailer Park | The Outer Limits | The Best Years (DVS) | Kenny-Senny | Kenny-Senny | Trailer Park | |
| | 40 | 40 | 40 | SLICE | So Chic | Skin Deep | Skin Deep | Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC | What Not to Wear | Wild Weddings (N) | What Not to Wear | What Not to Wear | What Not to Wear (N) | Reception | | |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | W | Style by Jury | Style by Jury | How Clean | Friends | Most Haunted (N) | Ghost *** (1990, Fantasy), Demi Moore | | |
| | 27 | 27 | 27 | YTV | iCarly | True Jackson | Just My Luck * (2006, Romance-Comedy) | Chris Pine | Prank Patrol | Prank Patrol | Family Biz | |

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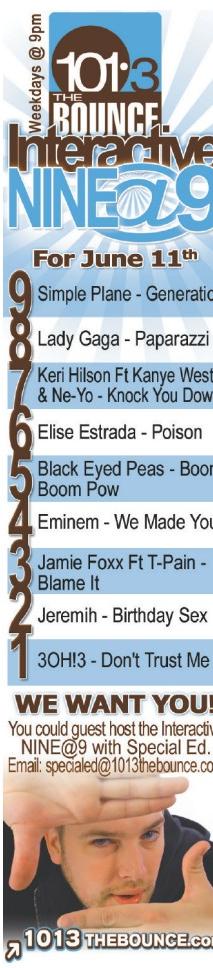
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| prime time 6/13/09 | 31 | 31 | 31 | ABC | News | ABC News | Legend of the Seeker | The Haunted Mansion *** (2003, Comedy) | | Daisies | | |
| | 7 | 7 | 7 | ASN | The Road to Avonlea | On the Nose ** (2001, Comedy), Dan Aykroyd (DVS) | To Be Announced | Comedy Now | Comedy Now | W Five | | |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 | CBC | Sat. Report | Marketplace | The Nature of Things | Without a Trace (HDTV) | Harper's Island "Seep" | 48 Hr. Mystery | | |
| sports | 32 | 32 | 32 | CBS | News | CBS News | Entertainment Tonight | Doc "Pick Your Poison" | Doc | News | | |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 | CIHF | Doc | Doc | | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order SVU | | |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | CJCH | W-FIVE | Nightwaves (2003, Drama) | Sheryl Lee | Kings "Brotherhood" | Kings "Brotherhood" | Kings "Brotherhood" | | |
| | 36 | 36 | 36 | FOX | MLB Baseball | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Cops | America's Most Wanted | Fox First | | |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 | NBC | News | Access Hollywood (N) | Access Hollywood (N) | Kings "Brotherhood" | Law & Order "Bailout" | Law & Order SVU | | |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | SCOR | MMA Show | Footy Show | Score Update | BodogFight | MMA Show | Final Score | Final Score | |
| | 53 | 53 | 53 | TSN | NASCAR Racing: Nationwide | SportsCentre | Boxing | NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series - Meijer 300. (HDTV) (Live) | | | | |

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| prime time 6/14/09 | 31 | 31 | 31 | ABC | News | Jimmy Kimmel | NBA Count | NBA Basketball | Final Game 5 - Los Angeles Lakers at Orlando Magic. | | | |
| | 7 | 7 | 7 | ASN | Smallville "Legion" | Funnest Home Video | Million Dollar Password | Cold Case (HDTV) | Cold Case (HDTV) | Canada-Model | | |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 | CBC | Heartland (DVS) | René Lévesque II (2009, Biography) | (DVS) | CBC News: Sunday Night (N) | CBC News: Sunday Night (N) | fifth estate | | |
| sports | 32 | 32 | 32 | CBS | Evening News | News | 60 Minutes (HDTV) | Million Dollar Password | Cold Case (HDTV) | Without Trace | | |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 | CIHF | 16:9 Picture | King of Hill | American Dad | The Simpsons | Bob & Doug | Family Guy | American Dad | News |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | CJCH | Corner Gas | Degrassi: TNG | She Drives Me Crazy (2007, Drama) | Family Guy | Bob & Doug | Family Guy | American Dad | News |
| | 36 | 36 | 36 | FOX | Cold Case | King of Hill | American Dad | The Simpsons | King of Hill | Family Guy | American Dad | Fox First |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 | NBC | News | Dateline NBC | | 10:5: Apocalypse *** (2006, Suspense) | King of Hill | Family Guy | American Dad | |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | SCOR | Score Update | Facts-Fishing | The WEE Experience | BodogFight | Strikeforce | Pokerstars | | |
| | 53 | 53 | 53 | TSN | SportsCentre | NBA Pregame | NBA Count | NBA Basketball | Final Game 5 - Los Angeles Lakers at Orlando Magic. | | | |
| | 16 | 16 | 16 | A&E | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Simmons | Simmons | Hammertime |
| | 70 | 70 | 70 | APTN | New Canoe | MYTV | The Mix | Living, Dream | Arbor Live | The Matrix *** (1999, Science Fiction) | | |
| | 37 | 37 | 37 | BRVO | Spectacle: Elvis | Bravo! Fact | Making of a | Annie | The Bourne Supremacy *** (2004) | The Simpsons | South Park | The Office |
| | 49 | 49 | 49 | COM | Laughs | 22 Minutes | Just for Laughs | Laughs | VIP | Elton John | Newsroom | |
| | 18 | 18 | 18 | CNN | Newsroom | | State of the Union | Larry King Live | | Larry King Live | Newsroom | |
| | 38 | 38 | 38 | DISC | Cash Cab | How It's Made | Canada's Worst Handyman | Canada's Worst Handyman | Angels vs. Demons | MythBusters | | |
| | 34 | 48 | 48 | HGTV | Holmes in New Orleans | House | House | My First Place | Buy Me | Extreme Makeover: Home | Hil Potential | |
| | 46 | 46 | 46 | HIST | Wat The (N) | (DVS) | Turning Points of History | Sea Hunters | Sahara *** (2005, Adventure) | | | |
| | 17 | 17 | 17 | MM | Video on Trial | Video on Trial | So You Think You Can Dance | | So You Think You Can Dance | Sneak Peak | | |
| | 206 | 206 | 206 | PIX | (6:30) American Buffalo | What Did You Do in the War, Daddy? (1966, Comedy) | | Nobody's Fool *** (1994, Drama) | | | | |
| | 39 | 39 | 39 | SHOW | Trailer Park | Trailer Park | The Guard | The Haunting of Sorority Row (2007, Drama) | Kaitlin See | Rescue Me | | |
| | 40 | 40 | 40 | SLICE | X-Weighted "Valencia" | Instant Beauty Pageant | Janice Dickinson Modeling | Real Housewives NYC | | Style-Famous | | |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours | |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | W | Two Weeks | Hwd 10 Best | Grocery | Style by Jury | Gospel of Deceit (2006, Suspense) | Alexandra Paul. | Interrogation | |
| | 27 | 27 | 27 | YTV | Nacho Libre *** (2006, Comedy) | Jack Black. | SpongeBob | Prank Patrol | In Real Life | In Real Life | Adrenaline | |



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TV Robert Buckley, probably best known for his boy-toy role on *Lipstick Jungle*, is joining the cast of *One Tree Hill*. On the CW series, which enters its seventh season this fall, Buckley will play Clayton, a brash young sports agent who represents Nathan Scott (James Lafferty) and has become a close friend, business partner and advisor to him. The upcoming season of *OTH* marks a transition for the show, after the departure of two original cast members, Chad Michael Murray and Hilarie Burton.

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Ellen extols Lambert's courage

Ellen DeGeneres is proud that American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert is publicly embracing his homosexuality. "I'm proud of him, and I'm happy for anyone who has the guts to actually tell the world who they are." [TVGUIDE.COM](#)

New star rising in New Moon

Robert Pattinson dishes to Metro about his all new-found fame

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News



Robert Pattinson melted the hearts of many when Edward Cullen first appeared on screen in Twilight. The young actor is back in New Moon, but still admits he is shocked with the phenomenon Twilight has turned into. Pattinson sat down with Metro to talk about New Moon, his own success, and his character.

Q How is the filming going?

A It's great. To be honest, I am surprised at how relaxed it is. I was really nervous before we started because there's so much expectation now. But with this team, everything seems to work really well. Everyone knows each other. It's one of the most relaxed jobs I've ever worked on. It's really strange. It's going really well so far.

Q Last time we spoke, you told me that you still walked in the street without anyone recognizing you. I'm assuming that's changed now.

A I don't walk in the street anymore, and when I do, I'm in disguise. (laughs) It's actually a relief being back at work.

Q Were you surprised that Twilight became such a phenomenon?

It never ever fails to shock

A me. Even here. Yesterday, there were 300 people outside the set. It's just crazy. Every day, every single person I meet knows someone who has a very strong attachment to the books. It's very difficult to put your head around. I can go through customs at any airport in the world — every customs agent is like, 'Can I get an autograph for my daughter?' Every single time! It's crazy! I just hope it doesn't change the way I think and stuff. It hasn't so far.

Q Which is your favorite motion picture vampire of all time?

A I always liked the original Nosferatu. I watched 30 Days of Night recently. I thought it was really good. I really liked Danny Huston in it. But I wouldn't say that I was a vampire fan.

Q You must be offered a lot of roles now. How are you making your choices?

A I judge things purely on the script. I'm booked up for this year. I've been doing the most different things you can possibly imagine. Every part is so different.

I can't say any of the parts I'm doing — they haven't been finalized yet. But I don't pick them in terms of genre; purely the script. If I like the script and I like the part, then that's all that matters.

Q Are there differences in your preparation to play Edward again?

A Loads of different things. I feel very familiar with the character. I'm a ghost, a figment of Bella's imagination. I'm not really playing

Edward. I'm playing a kind of disrupted memory, which is really strange. I'm trying to play him as if Edward's constantly thinking that things are going to fall apart. It's this idyllic relationship on the top. I'm very, very close to the surface. He's so insecure about everything.

Q Are you going to be on the soundtrack?

A I don't think so this time. It's still early on, but there are so many people that might be on the soundtrack. The last one did so well, so loads of bands want to go on it. Bands that I would never even have thought would be on a soundtrack I think are going to be on it this time.

Q Was there an actor whom you idolized when you were younger?

A When I was younger, I didn't know I was going to be an actor. When I started acting, it took me about three or four years to actually think, Yeah, I'm an actor now. I guess the people who I was obsessed with were Jean-Paul Belmondo and Jack Nicholson. (But) I was more into directors.

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Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart pose for the cameras. Pattinson talked to Metro about his newest Twilight movie, New Moon.

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Grand Analog burns it up

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"Man, do I love the term burning," says Odario Williams, as he chows down a steak sandwich at a Toronto pub. "Partly because of its reggae connotations — them reggae cats want to burn everything — and if anything should be burning its metropolis."

Still, despite the fiery vi-

sions the name conjures up, Williams won't disclose exactly what he was thinking when he came up with the title — "I wanted something that could be left to interpretation," he says — though he does admit that his sophomore album, and his first disc, Caligraffiti, are about cities.

And if this hip-hop artist

knows anything, it's what makes different towns tick.

Williams grew up in Winnipeg and made a name from himself under the moniker Mood Ruff.

He came to Toronto five years ago in the hopes of playing some music, though he launched Grand Analog as an experiment.

Soon enough he became a staple of the Toronto hip-hop scene.

But this isn't just a tale of two cities; he has also toured Canada numerous times, spending time in Canadian locales big and small. "Cities have a character to them, a personality," he says.

"It usually takes leaving to really get it. Whenever I go to the next city I think about the one I left."

Like the complex makeup of his various Metropo-

lies, Williams' music is a dense mixture of sounds and genres. Take It Slow melds reggae, some electro and dub. Magnifico, with its distorted riffs and funk groove, recalls Lenny Kravitz, while others throw in some jazz and melodic hip-hop beats into the mix.

Williams likes to think the world is ready for genre-bending artists, though on his MySpace page he called out people who were upset that a rap track from his hip-hop cohort Shad was an iTunes song of the week.

"That's the high school way of thinking. I'm prep so this what I listen to, I'm goth so this is what I listen to," he says. "The goth kids can't confess that there's a hip-hop song they actually like. We're still in a world

where everything is compartmentalized. You go to a record store and everything is in its section. Rap? I'm going to categorize that under 50 Cent. If it doesn't sound like that people are off balance."

"But there's more and more acceptance for people who are outside of that box," he adds. "It used to be uncool to be alternative of anything. Now it's not like that."

Even though more people are accepting of acts that combine disparate styles, Williams admits he still has a long road ahead of him before he can be a fixture on both the Canadian and U.S. music scenes.

"But I'm not worried," he says. "Eventually people will catch onto the sounds that we're doing because it's genuine."



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Teen pop sensation Miley Cyrus has announced dates for her first UK tour which will start in December, as she continues to build a pop music career in her own right rather than as her alter-ego Hannah Montana. **REUTERS**

Miley Cyrus to tour U.K.

Entertainment

The future has come

Juan MacLean crafts 'electronic dance punk' on new disc

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada



"This is the most terrifying album to make," admits John MacLean a.k.a.

The Juan MacLean — about his sophomore effort *The Future Will Come* (DFA Records).

"The first one is easy. It's been lingering around for years. With the second, you're really put on the spot; told to make an album. People more often than not disappoint their fans' expectations."

MacLean's fears are un-

warranted. Released in mid-April, the 10-track affair received instant praise for its unique amalgamation of indie rock's natural warmth and dance's infectious, upbeat rhythms.

Referring to his creation as "electronic dance-punk," MacLean spearheads a rare faction of musicians uniting dichotomous musical genres by embracing their core elements: A live band and digital programming, respectively. The Future Will Come is one of the first dance albums recorded with an entire cast of musicians. Yet how does a

post-punk guitarist noted for his history with '90s indie rockers Six Finger Satellite translate into dance music innovator? MacLean blames ennui.

"I became disenchanted with indie rock by the late '90s," he grumbles. "It'd become uniform, collegiate and uninteresting. It lost all of its appeal so I thought it was better to quit and get out while I still felt good about it rather than linger on and become mediocre; do something disingenuous that I wasn't happy with. I left music altogether until

(friends) got me my first primitive set-up — a computer, sampler and recording device."

Pulling from his rock history and embracing an inherent appreciation for electronics, The Juan MacLean was born, issuing debut effort Less Than Human in 2005. Tapping into his recording experience, MacLean injected authentic instruments into crafted beats, a then-revolutionary technique that is still untenable to most today. Because of Less Than Human's mysterious appeal, it — and thereby The Future



The Juan MacLean's latest album, *The Future Will Come*, received instant praise for its unique amalgamation of indie rock's natural warmth and dance's infectious, upbeat rhythms.

Will Come — took off exponentially, the mousey MacLean fast becoming world-renowned to dancers and shoe gazers alike.

"In the dance world, people don't make records that way," MacLean reasons. "They aren't making

live-sounding records so we go in with this attitude of playing dance music live, adding live drums, bass, keyboard playing and percussion. We bring that expertise in the recording aspect. It's emulated but difficult to achieve."

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Doherty arrested

British rocker Pete Doherty has been arrested in western England on suspicion of drunk-driving and possession of drugs, police sources said on Thursday. **REUTERS**

I would have quit: Van Morrison

Van Morrison hates the fame game so much that he would have abandoned his music career 40 years ago if one of his early albums had made him a superstar.

The album in question is his second solo release, *Astral Weeks*, which failed to crack the U.S. or British pop charts when it came out in 1968 but is now regarded as one of the greatest musical works of the rock era and is generating new interest more than 40 years since its release.

Undaunted by the initial commercial setback, the Irish soul singer says he "just moved on" to his

next project: The 1970 album *Moondance* whose title track is one of his best-known songs.

If *Astral Weeks* had generated the sales commensurate with its eventual stellar status and transformed him into a huge star, Morrison is sure of his reaction.

"I would have quit the business had that happened," he said. "I am not one who has ever taken well to fame and what that attracts. It's a drag. I just wanted to be a songwriter and a singer. I did not bargain for all the rest of it."

Morrison, now 63, has spent his entire career try-

ing to dodge "all the rest of it," in the process becoming one of rock's most unknowable figures. A hugely influential artist, Morrison has earned a reputation as a grumpy old man and has zero tolerance for showbiz frivolity. He even failed to turn up to his Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction in 1993. **REUTERS**

Classic album

- *Astral Weeks* ranks at No. 19 on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the greatest albums of all time.



Irish musician Van Morrison performs during a concert at the 41st Montreux Jazz Festival on July 18, 2007.

Madonna adoption ruling to be revealed

ADOPTION Malawi's highest court said it would announce on Friday whether U.S. pop star Madonna could adopt a second child from the country, a spokesman said, in a case that has drawn fire from local rights groups. Malawi's High Court ruled in April she could not adopt 4-year-old Mercy James, because the singer was not a resident of Malawi. Madonna appealed. Malawi's government came under fire after Madonna adopted a child in 2006 with critics accusing it of giving her special treatment.

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Behar on TV

Joy Behar is getting her own talk show. She'll still keep her day job as View cohost, The New York Times reports. The Joy Behar Show will air at 9 p.m. beginning in September on CNN's sister channel HLN. [USMAGAZINE.COM](#)

Going Out

Examining Media Issues

InDepth

Foreign Journalists: The sentencing of two American journalists — Laura Ling and Euna Lee — to 12 years in a North Korean labour camp helped place the spotlight on the dangers reporters face while trying to do their jobs. The Committee to Protect Journalists announced in 2005 that murder was the leading cause of job-related death among journalists, and found the Philippines, Iraq, Columbia, Bangladesh and Russia to be among the most dangerous. Here are some suggestions to learn more about the dangers journalists face:

• **ONLINE:** Canadian Journalists for Free Expression ([cjfe.org](#)) is "committed to watching over regions of the world where journalists are assaulted, threatened, kidnapped and killed for reporting the news." The Committee to Protect Journalists ([cpj.org](#)) is an independent, nonprofit organization promoting press freedom worldwide by defending the rights of journalists to report the news without fear of reprisal.

• **MOVIES:** The films When the Sky Falls and Veronica Guerin — starring Cate Blanchett — both tell the story of the Irish crime reporter who was murdered while driving a few kilometers outside Dublin in 1996 by drug dealers. Another movie that deals with the dangers journalists face on the job is The Killing Fields (based on the experiences of three journalists in Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge regime).

• **BOOKS:** We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda, by The New Yorker writer Philip Gourevitch, chronicles the mass killings and strife during the Rwanda genocide. Bruce Chatwin's What Am I Doing Here includes a number of semi-fictional stories about his experiences as a writer — including a tense experience in Africa. The incident is also examined in Nicholas Shakespeare's biography of the Sunday Times journalist, Bruce Chatwin: A Biography.

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No MJ concerts?

A music promoter Wednesday sued to stop Michael Jackson from performing in London this year, claiming his appearances would violate a prior or contract.

New Jersey-based AllGood Entertainment Inc. contends in the lawsuit filed in federal court in New

York it signed a deal with the singer's manager, Frank DiLeo, in November committing him to an appearance in the U.S. this summer.

Under the agreement, Jackson is not supposed to give another concert before that show, the lawsuit states. Jackson has signed

with AEG Live to play 50 shows at London's O2 Arena starting in July.

AllGood Entertainment contends those shows violate the New Jersey company's agreement with DiLeo, which it says predates the singer's deal with AEG Live.

REUTERS

Carradine death not suicide: Expert

REPORT A U.S. forensics expert has examined the remains of David Carradine and believes he didn't commit suicide, according to the late actor's family, CBCNewsOnline reports. Keith and Robert Carradine revealed the finding by noted forensic pathologist Michael Baden on Thursday.

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Mix of Six

Disney's High School Musical

When: Through Sunday
Where: Neptune Theatre

This is the final weekend to see Neptune's season-ending hit which was extended for two weeks due to popular demand. The final showing is Sunday at 7 p.m.

Greek Fest

When: Friday through Sunday
Where: 38 Purcells Cove Rd.

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50+ Seniors Expo

When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Exhibition Park

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Yuk Yuk's presents Graham Chittenden

When: Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Where: Westin Nova Scotia

One of Canada's best up-and-coming comics will be joined for back-to-back shows with Richard Ryder. Tickets are \$18.

Halifax Public Gardens Summer Concert Series

When: Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.
Where: Public Gardens

The first of free summer-long performances at Halifax's popular landmark sees HRM partnering with the Atlantic Federation of Musicians and the Music Performers Fund.

Halifax Walk for Muscular Dystrophy

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.
Where: Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel

People throughout HRM are coming together to fight muscular dystrophy and provide support, education and essential medical equipment to families.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now



1 David Alvarez

ACTOR This Montreal-born 15-year-old shared the best actor award for the musical Billy Elliot at the prestigious Tony Awards Sunday night. Only a handful of Canadians have achieved this feat before but that's not the most remarkable thing about Alvarez. The teen had never acted, sung or tap danced until he started training for the Elliot role, which just took him six weeks to master.

2 Heavy Metal
TREND Is good old-fashioned hair-and-leather rock ready for a comeback? Consider these: Metal legends Iron Maiden recently released their live CD/DVD Flight 666. Mock-metal legends Spinal Tap are dancing with the devil once again with new album Back From The Dead. And Canadian metal underdogs Anvil announced that they will be opening for AC/DC at some North American venues. Yup, the beast is alive, heads will bang.

3 Bitte Orca: The Dirty Projectors

ALBUM If you checked the current playlists of Bjork, David Byrne and Vampire Weekend, this Brooklyn quintet would probably be on non-stop replay mode. Led by former Yale music student David Longstreth, the band's mix of punk, blues and art-rock zaniness have garnered them rave reviews in music mags.

4 The Sims 3

GAME Fake people are bringing in some real cash for gaming publisher Electronic Arts Inc. The latest instalment of the popular PC game sold 1.4 million copies in its first week, making it the best-selling PC game launch in EA's history. Last year, the original Sims became the top-selling computer game ever.



5 Adam Lambert

CELEB Don't say you didn't hear the closet creaking. The mascara-laden America Idol runner-up has revealed to Rolling Stone that he's gay. Although he never denied his sexuality (photos of him kissing his ex-boyfriend appeared in March), this is the first time he has been forthcoming.

6 iPhone

GADGET Everyone's favourite little toy got a brand new feature: Lower prices. Now you will only shell out \$99 (instead of \$199) for Apple's 8GB iPhone, and that's not all. Apple also announced a new model of the iPhone — the 3GS — that will sport a faster processor and sought-after features like an internal compass, a video camera and an improved photo camera.

7 GM reinvention commercial

AD The erstwhile sugar daddy of corporate America gets on its knees in this 60-second salvo to win back years of faith lost. GM's note of contrition and honesty sounds near incendiary, complemented by images of a runner with a prosthetic leg and a hockey player felled in the agony of defeat.



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Drew and Justin: Oddballs together

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Celebrity Buzz

Miss California stripped of crown

PUSHED OUT Learning she was stripped of her title, former Miss California USA Carrie Prejean says her opposition to gay marriage was responsible for her ouster, people.com reports.

"None of this would be happening right now if I just said, 'Yeah, gays should get married. You're right, Perez Hilton,'" Prejean, 22, told Access Hollywood's Billy Bush. After Bush informed Prejean live on his radio show that she'd been dethroned, she responded: "That's the first that I've heard of it, Billy."

During the pageant in April, judge Hilton asked

Prejean her opinion of gay marriage. She replied that it is her belief marriage should be exclusively between a man and a woman — a response that sparked controversy, especially when her strong anti-gay-marriage activism was revealed, as were topless photos from her past and the news that she had undergone breast enhancements.

Still, last month Miss USA

co-owner Donald Trump announced Prejean could keep her crown. That changed Wednesday. "To me she was the sweetest thing. Everyone else, she treated like s—," Trump told TMZ about Prejean.

The biggest professional hurdle for the beauty queen, apparently,

was making good on her commitments to the page-

rant, said officials. She was fired, Miss California USA executive director Keith Lewis said in a statement, "Based solely on contract violations including Ms. Prejean's unwillingness to make appearances on behalf of the Miss California USA Organization."

Disputing that claim, Prejean told Bush: "I've tried to reach out to them, and I've done several appearances and I'm going to be presenting at the Special Olympics this weekend as an honorary guest. I mean, I've been co-operating with them. I don't see why this is happening."

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Madonna and Jesus at odds

NOT ON THE SAME PAGE

Madonna is to meet her 22-year-old boyfriend's parents, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 50-year-old singer wants to take her relationship with underwear model Jesus Luz to the next level and is planning to fly to Brazil to get to know his family.

A friend of the pop star told In Touch Weekly magazine: "Madonna is getting serious, so that's why she wants to meet his family. She has

been growing closer to Jesus every day. The big age difference doesn't mean a thing to her."

But Luz — who has been dating the singer since late last year — seems far less willing to commit to his "friend" Madonna.

He said in a recent interview on Brazilian TV: "Madonna is a friend who has entered my life.

I don't have plans of

marrying her. I can't say if she is the girl of my life. She is a marvellous and nice person."

However, Luz's father Luis Heitor Pinto da Luz recently revealed the couple is considering getting married in a special Kabbalah ceremony. He also confirmed the couple are living together in New York with Madonna's three children, Lourdes, 12, Rocco, 8, and three-year-old David.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Paris and Doug call it quits

SHORT-LIVED Paris Hilton is back on the market after splitting with her boyfriend Doug Reinhardt, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The heiress had been dating The Hills star since Christmas

and had publicly declared her love for him, calling him her "best friend" and "future husband."

A spokesperson for Hilton told people.com, "Yes, this is true they are no longer together.

"They remain friends and ask that you please respect their privacy."

The news comes a day after Hilton declared Reinhardt was "hotter" than Brad Pitt on Jimmy Kimmel Live. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rihanna was served at my office by L.A. DA investigators," her attorney, Donald Etra told People magazine. "If the preliminary hearing indeed goes forward, she is now legally required to be there, she will be there, and will answer all questions truthfully."

The hearing is set for June 22, when it will be decided if there is enough evidence against Brown to go to trial.

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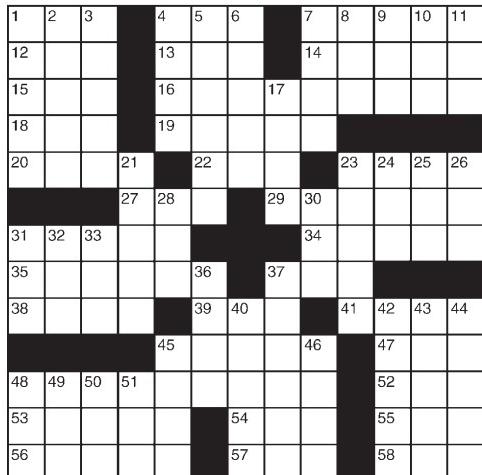
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18 Seek restitution 48 Has insomnia
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4 Pop choice 32 See 8-Down
5 Up 33 White House nickname
6 Lachrymose 36 Go yachting
7 Compared to 37 Duplicity
8 Partner of 32-Down 40 Source of irritation
9 Geological time 42 Voice a view
10 Annoy 43 Cheery melodies
11 White alternative 44 Egyptian crosses
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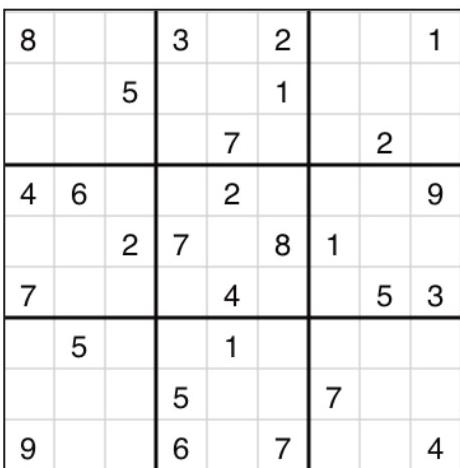
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LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Why are you worrying about a situation that will, in all probability, work out for the best? Forget it. It's simply not worth the effort.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



You want to believe what someone is telling you but every fibre of your being says they are trying to deceive you.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



You appear to have overlooked a number of small but important details and that carelessness is now holding you back.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



According to the planets the only thing you are guilty of is trying to please too many people. Try pleasing yourself for a change.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you change something that does not appear to be working now you will regret it later in the month when the Sun moves into your favour.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



If you feel that a certain course of action is right then press ahead with it, even if everyone else seems to think you've got it wrong. Trust yourself.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



The fact is you are the kind of larger-than-life character who tends to attract gossip. You should be flattered. At least you've been noticed.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



You see deeper and further than most people but sometimes it works against you in that it makes you reluctant to take risks.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



If a friend or colleague is in difficulties make it your mission to rescue them. Don't wait to be asked for assistance, they may be too proud to ask.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



A friend or family member is telling you only part of a story. Make it your business to get the other side of the story from the relevant source.

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Italian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) olive oil
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 celery stalks, finely chopped
8 oz (250 g) lean ground beef
1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh bread crumbs
1 egg white
1/4 tsp (1 ml) dried oregano
1/4 tsp (1 ml) dried basil
1 can crushed tomatoes
2 onions, finely chopped
2 tbsp (25 ml) tomato paste
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped parsley
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) black pepper

METHOD:

- Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). In small frying pan, heat oil over moderate heat. Add garlic and celery and sauté until softened and lightly browned, 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.
- In bowl, combine ground beef, ground pork, bread crumbs, egg white, oregano and basil. Stir in

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